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it to
the
Edge!**



***Your Council Bluffs
Recycling & Solid Waste
Services Guide***

April 2010 – March 2011
www.cbrecycles.com



Important Digits

Council Bluffs Health Department

328-4666

209 Pearl Street

- Open Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – Noon 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- Closed Saturdays, Sundays and all City-observed holidays
- Call for information on the following topics:
Poly-carts Sharps Disposal Refuse Services

Council Bluffs Recycling Center

328-4985

444 I Gifford Road

www.cbrecycles.com

- Open Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Closed Sundays and all City-observed holidays
- Call for information on the following topics:
Appliance Disposal Poly-cart Purchasing
Educational Programs Tree Debris Disposal
Electronics Disposal Waste Tire Disposal
Paint Drop 'N Swap Yard Waste

Red River Waste Solutions, Inc.

256-2288

- Call for missed recycling, garbage or yard waste pick-ups or to schedule appliance and bulky waste collections

Regional Collection Center for Household Hazardous Waste (RCC)

366-9812

444 I Gifford Road

- Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
2nd Saturday of each month 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Closed Sundays and all City-observed holidays

Sanitation Billing

328-4931

209 Pearl Street

- Call for information on sanitation billing
- Bills are mailed twice a year in January and July

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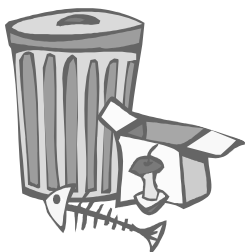
The Council Bluffs Recycling Center has had another busy year. RAGBRAI came to town last summer, and the CBRC was in charge of waste for that event. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Keep America Beautiful provided grant money for event recycling containers, and permanent containers are now at the Mid-America Center, Council Bluffs Recreation Complex and Iowa Western Community College. Containers are also available to check out for any event that an organization has. Find out more at www.cbrecycles.com.



Please note the new information on page 10 concerning late fee charges that may be added to your solid waste account. Also, after the snowy winter, winter collection guidelines have been added on the next page. Check it out to ensure your waste gets collected!

Curbside Garbage Guidelines

- All garbage must be bagged.
- **Garbage is limited to one City-approved 90-95-gallon Poly-cart (weighing 220 pounds or less) or three, 32-gallon cans (weighing 60 lbs or less) or bags (weighing 30 lbs or less). Garbage in unauthorized poly-carts will not be collected.**
- Each additional bag over the limit must have an extra bag tag attached to it. An extra City-approved Poly-cart requires three extra bag tags. See page 9 for more information.
- Set out your garbage, recycling bins and yard waste by **7:00 a.m. on your scheduled collection day**. You may set them out as early as 7:00 p.m. the evening prior to collection. **There are no set times for collection.**
- **If your garbage is set out late, it will not be collected until the following week. Limits still apply.**
- Make sure garbage placed at the curb is residential garbage only, not business-generated garbage.
 - If you want to dispose of a garbage can, set it out with your regular garbage and clearly mark "PLEASE TAKE CAN" on it.
 - Do not put hot ashes or ammunition in your garbage or recycling bins. Please call the Council Bluffs Police Dept. at 328-5737 for proper disposal of ammunition.
 - **Do not place bricks, car parts, concrete or other construction materials or rubble in your garbage.**



Acceptable Waste Placement



This shows good separation between types of waste and does not exceed the limit.



The recycling bin is on top of broken down cardboard, and garbage is placed next to it.

Unacceptable Waste Placement



Recycling and garbage are not clearly separated. Not all garbage is bagged, and it is over the limit.



Recycling and garbage are mixed, and garbage is over the limit.



Garbage is over the limit, and some garbage is not bagged.



The recycle bins are not readily accessible behind the snow bank.

Winter Collection Guidelines

In order to ensure proper and timely collection of solid waste during inclement weather, the following guidelines must be met.

- Residents need to clean and maintain a place free of snow and ice for their garbage and recycling containers.
- Containers or garbage bags on top of or behind snow banks is unacceptable.
- Garbage and recycling must be within five feet of the traveled roadway with a path wide enough to accommodate collection and the waste containers.



Curbside Recycling

Acceptable Items Include:

- **#1 & #2 Plastics with a Neck** – milk jugs, pop and water bottles, laundry detergent containers, rinsed, smashed with lids removed, **no plastic grocery bags or Styrofoam**
- **Aluminum & Metal** – food and beverage containers, rinsed
- **Mixed Paper** – junk mail, magazines, brown paper bags, newspaper and everything that comes with a Sunday paper
- **Cardboard** – must be broken down/flattened and no larger than 2'x2'
- **Glass** – all colors of rinsed food and beverage containers with lids removed; no window glass

Step 1: Use your blue bins



Each household has two blue recycling bins and one lid.

- If you move into a house that does not have blue recycling bins, call 328-4985.
- If you move out of a house on City garbage service, the **recycling bins must stay at the house**; they are the property of the City of Council Bluffs.
- Lost or damaged bins due to neglect must be replaced at the owner's expense.
- **Write your address on the bins in case they blow away.**
- You may use one bin for plastics and metal and one for paper, broken down/flattened cardboard and glass, or you may use both bins for each week's product.

Step 2: Sort your materials into TWO categories

Check the calendar on the back cover to see what items are picked up each week. Paper, broken down/flattened cardboard and glass will be picked up one week (blue on the calendar); plastics and metal will be picked up the next week (green on the calendar). If you put all five categories of recyclables out each week, items will not be picked up. See pages 16-17 for more information about what is recyclable and what is not.

Use the blue recycling bins, brown paper bags or other durable, sturdy containers to sort recycling materials for placement at the curb. Substitute containers must be clearly marked and visible from the street with the words "RECYCLING" and "SAVE." Containers with dimensions that do not exceed 30" long by 20" wide by 20" high with the open side being the largest, preferably blue in color, are the only acceptable containers. **Do not use plastic bags.**

Step 3: Prepare your materials

- **Rinse** all containers.
- **Remove** the lids.
- **Do not worry** about removing labels.
- **Crush** plastic containers before putting them in bins to save space.
- All recyclables must be clean and dry.

Step 4: Set out your bins

- Check the recycling schedule to see if it's a Blue Week (paper, broken down/flattened cardboard and glass) or a Green Week (plastics and metal). Set out only the designated items for that week.
- Set out your recycling bins by **7:00 a.m. on your scheduled collection day**. You may set them out as early as 7:00 p.m. the evening prior to collection. **There are no set times for collection.**
- Set the bins **four feet from your regular garbage**, and stack the bins inside each other. Firmly place the lid on the top bin to prevent items from blowing away.
- Shredded paper must be put in a brown paper bag inside a bin or next to it.
- **Remember to use your lid**, and place heavier items (glass jars or a closed sack of mixed paper) on top of light items for added weight.
- Extra recycling bins may be purchased at the Council Bluffs Recycling Center for \$6.00 each. Lids cost \$3.25 each.
- Other durable, sturdy containers may be used for recycling collections. Use a marker to label these containers. Clearly mark them with the words "RECYCLING" and "SAVE" if you want to keep them.
- Containers with dimensions that do not exceed 30" long by 20" wide by 20" high with the open side being the largest, preferably blue in color, are the only acceptable containers.
- Do not put items such as vinyl siding, garbage bags, plastic grocery bags or Styrofoam in the bins.
- Do not set loose items outside the bins as they may blow away.

Curbside Yard Waste

Yard waste includes materials like grass clippings, garden waste, leaves, branches and limbs, shrubs and flowers. It does not include lawn chairs, garden hoses, lawn tools or other maintenance tools.



- Unlimited amounts of yard waste will be picked up **April 1 – November 30**.
- Set out your yard waste by **7:00 a.m. on your scheduled collection day**. You may set it out as early as 7:00 p.m. the evening prior to collection. **There are no set times for collection.**
- Place yard waste in a regular garbage can, City-approved Poly-cart or paper yard waste bags. Mark containers with a “Y” or place an orange yard waste sticker (obtained at the Recycling Center or Health Department) on *each* can or bag.
- Yard waste placed in plastic bags will not be collected.
- Gather limbs and branches into bundles no more than 4’ in length, 2’ in diameter and 60 pounds in weight; use string or twine to tie the bundles. Do not use wire, nylon or rope.

Curbside Appliances and Bulky Waste



Bulky items, including electronics that weigh more than 60 pounds, can be picked up at the curb. This service is available each month, and appointments must be made with Red River at 256-2288 prior to collection.

- Each household is allowed 2 appliance and 2 bulky waste curbside pick-ups each year. Please see page 9 if you exceed these limits.
- Set out your appliance and bulky waste items by **7:00 a.m. on your scheduled collection day**. You may set them out as early as 7:00 p.m. the evening prior to collection. **There are no set times for collection the day of your appointment.**
- **Bulky waste does not include regular household garbage.**
- Bulky waste must be contained to an area no larger than 8’ in length by 4’ in width by 4’ in height (the area of a full-size couch).
- Doors on appliances need to be closed and secured shut for safety.
- Items such as carpeting and boards should be cut into 4’ lengths and bundled with twine. Bundles should not exceed 2’ in diameter and 60 pounds in weight.
- You must specify what items you are setting out when you arrange the pick-up appointment.
- If you have large amounts of bulky waste items, you need to contract a *commercial waste hauler* (see page 25) to dispose of it for you. You can call the Council Bluffs Recycling Center to verify if a hauler is licensed in Council Bluffs.

Curbside Christmas Trees

Christmas trees will be collected at the curb from January 3-7, 2011.

Christmas trees may be brought to the Recycling Center at no charge

through the month of January. Non-residents and commercial haulers will be charged \$5 per tree or \$20 per ton.

- Place your tree at the curb on the same day as your regular collection by 7 a.m., away from your regular garbage.
- Remove all lights, nails, ornaments, tinsel, wire, steel or wooden stands and all plastic tree bags.
- Cut the tree down to 4' in length.

Curbside Oil Collection

Two gallons of oil per household per month can be picked up at your curb. Place oil in sturdy, leak-proof containers that are clearly labeled. Set oil away from your garbage, recycling and yard waste.

Bag Limits & Extra Garbage Stickers

The amount of garbage collected on a weekly basis is limited to one, 90-95 gallon City-approved Poly-cart (see page 27 for purchasing information) or three, 32-gallon garbage cans or bags. All material must be bagged, and each additional bag must have a sticker. An extra City-approved Poly-cart requires three extra bag tags. Attach tags around the handles of the Poly-cart. Stickers for extra bags are available for \$2.50 at the following locations:

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| • City Treasurer's Office | 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. |
| • Recycling Center | 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Mon. – Fri. |
| • Fareway | 310 McKenzie Ave. |
| • Hy-Vee | 1745 Madison Ave. |
| • Hy-Vee | 1706 North 16th St. |
| • No Frills | 1817 Broadway St. |
| • No Frills | 1801 Valley View Dr. |
| • Super Saver | 1141 North Broadway St. |
| • Wal-Mart | 3200 Manawa Centre Dr. |

These stickers should also be used if you exceed more than 2 curbside appliance and 2 bulky waste pick-ups per year. Two of these stickers are equivalent to one extra curbside appliance pick-up. Four of these stickers are equivalent to one extra curbside bulky waste pick-up. Please affix these labels in a prominent place on the item to ensure proper collection. Appointments are still necessary.

 <p>712-328-4985 www.cbrecycles.com</p>	<p align="center">CITY OF COUNCIL BLUFFS EXTRA BAG TAG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be used for extra trash bag, bulky waste, or appliances • Any additional bags must be tagged • Place tag around neck of bag as shown on back • Please call Red River Waste at 256-2288 for Bulky Waste or Appliance Pickup 	 <p>1 Tag</p> <p>2 Tags</p> <p>Freon or Non Freon Appliances</p> <p>4 Tags</p> <p>Bulky Waste</p>
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Waste and Recycling Services	
Services Offered	RR Waste Services
Appliance Collection	2 per year by appointment
Backdoor Collection for Elderly	Call 256-2288 for details
Bulky Waste Collection	2 per year by appointment
Curbside Christmas Tree Collection	January 3-7, 2011
Curbside Oil Collection	2 gallons per month
Curbside Recycling	See the back cover
Drop-Off Recycling Bins	See page 11
Extra Bag Fee (see p. 9 for details)	\$2.50 for each extra 32-gallon bag of garbage
Monthly Fee	\$16.00
Weekly Garbage Collection	Limited: 1 City-approved Poly-cart or 3, 32-gallon containers
Yard Waste Collection	Unlimited Apr. 1 – Nov. 30

Sanitation bills are distributed every 6 months and are due January 1st and July 1st of each year. A \$20 late fee shall be assessed for any bill paid after March 15th and September 15th. In addition, unpaid fees that are 120 days late are considered delinquent. All delinquent accounts shall be liened to the property and will have a \$50 administrative fee added.

Red River Waste Services
Council Bluffs Recycling Center

256-2288
328-4985
www.cbrecycles.com

2010 Holiday Collection Schedule	
Memorial Day May 31	One day late all week after holiday. Friday collection on Saturday.
Labor Day September 6	One day late all week after holiday. Friday collection on Saturday.
Thanksgiving November 25	Thursday and Friday one day late. Friday collection on Saturday.
Yard waste is collected curbside from April 1 – November 30.	
Christmas trees are picked up curbside Jan. 3-7, 2011 (see p. 8).	

Council Bluffs Recycling Center

4441 Gifford Road
Council Bluffs, IA 51501
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Phone: 328-4985
Fax: 328-4987

Hours of Operation:

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Closed Sundays and all City-observed holidays

Household Hazardous Waste Hours of Operation:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Second Saturday of each month 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Services Provided:

- This great booklet
- Educational programs and tours upon request
- Regional Collection Center for Household Hazardous Waste

Drop-Off Recycling Bins

In addition to the Recycling Center, the City has seven satellite locations where residents can drop off their recyclables. These locations are available to the public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Fareway	310 McKenzie Ave.
Hy-Vee	1745 Madison Ave.
Hy-Vee	1706 North 16th St.
IWCC	2700 College Rd.
No Frills	1801 Valley View Dr.
Super Saver	1141 North Broadway St.
Wal-Mart	3200 Manawa Centre Dr.

- **Cardboard bins** are available year-round at No Frills on Valley View Dr. and Hy-Vee on N. 16th St. Please break down and flatten boxes and packaging.
- **Phone book bins** will also be placed at these two stores July 2 – August 2. To opt out of phone book delivery, visit www.yellowpagesgoesgreen.org.
- **Placing any items other than those listed in or around the recycling bins constitutes illegal dumping and will be enforced with an \$800 citation.**

The Recycling Center takes all of the materials accepted in the recycling bins and much more. The following list outlines the materials accepted at the facility.

Paper

Colored Office Paper
Corrugated Cardboard
Magazines
Mixed Paper – paper bags, junk mail
Phone Books, Hard Cover and
Paperback Books
White Office Paper



Metals

Aluminum Cans (No redemption paid)
Scrap Aluminum
Scrap Steel
Steel Cans



Glass

Container Glass
Glass or Porcelain Figurines
Mirror Glass
Stoneware, China
Glass Dishware
Window Glass



Plastic

#1 & #2 Plastics – all plastic bottles
No Plastic Grocery Bags
No Styrofoam



Other

Car Seat Foam, other foam products
Electronics – Misc. \$.25 per pound
Laptops and towers free
Foam Rubber – carpet pad
Waste Tires – cost \$.07 per pound



HHW

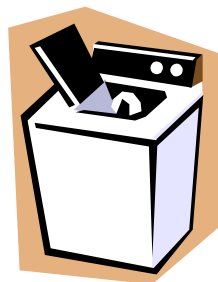
Household Hazardous Waste
Lead Acid Batteries
Paint – Good condition only. **No frozen paint.**
Used Oil – Must be free of contaminants
Used Antifreeze – Must be free of
contaminants



Appliances

There are certain appliances that have been banned from the landfill but that you can dispose of at the Recycling Center. These include:

Air Conditioners	Ice Machines
Conventional Ovens	Microwaves
Dehumidifiers	Pop Machines
Dishwashers	Refrigerators
Freezers	Stoves/Ranges
Furnaces	Trash Compactors
Garage Door Openers	Washers & Dryers
Heat Pumps	Water Heaters



Appliance rates are as follows:

- Appliances no Freon \$5.00 residents
 \$8.00 businesses
- Appliances w/Freon \$12.00 residents
 \$15.00 businesses

Examples of Freon-containing appliances are refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and dehumidifiers. The fee will be charged even if the Freon is removed, so do not try to remove the Freon yourself. It is an EPA-regulated chemical, and **you** are subject to a substantial fine if you release Freon into the atmosphere.

Construction and Demolition Material

Construction and demolition material includes drywall, carpeting, roofing, siding (wood or vinyl), lumber, concrete and railroad ties.



- Accepted at the Recycling Center for \$50.00 per ton
- \$5.00 minimum charge that covers up to 200 pounds
- \$5.00 minimum charge or \$24.00 per ton for clean lumber or unpainted construction lumber (no roofing, spikes, drywall)
- Loads containing items such as food waste and other household garbage will not be accepted
- No animal waste is accepted.

Electronics

Televisions, computers, stereos and other electronic devices are not accepted in the garbage or as construction debris.

- Electronic devices are accepted for recycling at a charge of \$.25 per pound for televisions, computer monitors and other electronic devices (copiers, faxes, printers, stereos, DVD's, VCR's, satellite equipment, etc.). Computer towers and laptops are accepted free of charge.

Household Furnishings

Most home furnishings fall under the Curbside Bulky Waste category and can be collected at no charge through that program. These items are also accepted at the Recycling Center as Construction and Demolition Material.

- The Recycling Center charges \$50.00 per ton with a \$5.00 minimum charge.
- \$5.00 minimum charge covers up to 200 pounds of material
- Anything over the 200 pound minimum is charged based on the weight of the material.
- **If your load has garbage, such as food, clothing or small toys, it will not be accepted for disposal at the Recycling Center.**

Prescription Medication Disposal

The best way to dispose of prescription medicine is to call your pharmacy or visit www.iarx.org/takeaway/ to see if a pharmacy near you offers a take-back program. Many pharmacies allow the public to bring in unused drugs for proper disposal. If your pharmacy does not offer this program, use the following procedures:

- Take unused, unneeded or expired prescription drugs out of their original containers and mix them with an undesirable substance, such as used coffee grounds or kitty litter.
- Put them in waterproof, non-descript containers to further ensure the drugs are not reused, and then throw them in the garbage.
- Scratch out all identifying information on the prescription label before throwing it away.
- Do not flush prescription drugs down the toilet unless the label or accompanying patient information specifically instructs doing so as waste water treatment plants are not set up to filter these materials.
- Chemotherapy drugs must be disposed of with a healthcare provider.

Sharps Disposal



The Health Department, along with participating community pharmacies, distributes containers, literature and labels to residents using insulin, heart and other types of medications. Used syringes and lancets are collected and stored in these containers. Once containers are full, they can be exchanged at no charge for new containers at participating pharmacies or the Health Department.

The Health Department properly disposes of these materials with a medical waste company. Please do not dispose of sharps in your garbage or recycling.

Tree Debris

Tree debris encompasses many types of woody material, and each type of material has different specifications. Please be aware of and adhere to the following specifications when bringing tree debris to the Recycling Center:



- The charge is \$20.00 per ton with a \$5.00 minimum charge (covers approximately 500 pounds of tree debris).
- Be sure no metal or garbage is mixed in your load; an additional \$20.00 surcharge is added to loads contaminated with garbage along with a higher rate of \$50.00 per ton or higher depending on severity.
- Oversized logs (any log not cut to the specifications listed below) will be charged at a rate of \$50.00 per ton.
- Branches under 2" in diameter can be any length.
- Branches 2" to 2' in diameter must be cut in lengths of 6' or less.
- Logs 2' or more in diameter must be cut to less than 4' in length.
- Remove as much of the dirt and debris from stumps as possible. If there is dirt and debris present or the stump is excessive in size, the rate may be increased to \$50.00 per ton or more depending on size and amount of dirt.

Waste Tire Program



The Council Bluffs Recycling Center accepts used tires from residents and businesses, but the easiest way to dispose of tires and assure they are not illegally dumped is to leave them at the retailer. Tires are ground into crumb rubber to produce items like rubber mats for athletic fields, tracks and playgrounds.

- Residents are allowed to dispose of an unlimited number of car tires, other types of tires, large numbers of tires and tires from commercial entities.
- Cost \$.07 per pound with or without rims if you stack them yourself
- Cost \$.09 per pound if Recycling Center staff stacks them
- An average 14" car tire costs approximately \$1.40.

Yard Waste

The Council Bluffs Recycling Center accepts yard waste year-round.

- The charge is \$20.00 per ton with a \$5.00 minimum charge (covers approximately 500 pounds).
- Yard waste will not be accepted in plastic bags.
- Be sure there is no metal or garbage mixed in your load.
- There is a \$20.00 surcharge added to loads contaminated with garbage along with a higher rate of \$24.00 to \$50.00 per ton depending on severity.



Recycle This in Your Curbside Bins!

Blue Week: Paper, Cardboard and Mixed Paper

- Computer paper
- Envelopes with windows or metal clasps
- Folders
- Junk mail
- Magazines and catalogs
- Newspaper
- Notebook paper
- Paper with staples or tape
- Post-its
- *Shredded paper
- Wrapping/tissue paper



*Shredded paper should be put in a paper bag, stapled shut and clearly marked.

Cardboard Boxes, Paperboard, Etc.

- Brown grocery sacks
- Cardboard boxes – *flatten and place it under the bin, no larger than 2' x 2'*
- Paperboard – cereal, cake, cracker and snack boxes; frozen or refrigerated food boxes; Kleenex, medicine and toothpaste boxes; shoe, toy, game and gift boxes; toilet paper, paper towel and gift wrap rolls (*place in the bin with your paper*)



Glass Containers

- All glass food and beverage containers; please rinse
- Other glass can be taken to the Council Bluffs Recycling Center



Green Week: Plastics and Metal

- All #1 and #2 plastic bottles with a neck
- Please rinse and remove lids



- Aerosol cans
- All metal food and beverage containers



and Glass



Metal

- Clean aluminum foil and trays
- Pie pans



Trash This!

Blue Week: Paper

- Absorbent paper (napkins, paper towels, tissues, etc.)
- Dog food bags
- Paper cups and plates
- *Phone books
- *Phone books can be put in the drop-off bins placed around town July 2 – August 2 or brought to the Recycling Center.

Glass

- Broken glass
- Ceramic dishes
- Glass dishes or glasses
- Light bulbs (incandescent only; fluorescent bulbs are accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Center – see hours on page 20)
- Window glass



Green Week: Plastics

- All #3 – #7 plastics – margarine tubs, yogurt containers, etc.
- *Plastic bags
- *Reuse plastic bags or recycle them inside area stores. Do not recycle plastic bags in bins or drop-off containers.



Metal

- Bicycles
- Car rims
- Other scrap aluminum and steel can be taken to the Council Bluffs Recycling Center.

The Council Bluffs Solid Waste Management Division Mission Statement:

To provide the Residents of Council Bluffs and Southwest Iowa the best and most complete Solid Waste Management Services available while reducing, reusing and recycling as much as is economically feasible.

Why should I recycle?

To promote a cleaner environment

- Recycling keeps materials out of the landfill.
- It helps the environment and the quality of life in Iowa by reducing pollutants and acid rain.
- Recycling reduces overall emissions of sulfur dioxide, a pollutant that causes acid rain, by about 52,000 tons.
- Recycling can reduce green house gas emissions by about 7 million tons of carbon equivalent, equal to 40% of industrial greenhouse gas emissions.
- Recycling saves energy and reduces litter.



To make Iowa Better

- The total net fiscal benefits (state and local government) are estimated to be \$40.5 million, including \$38.4 million attributed to recycling end-use manufacturing, \$1.1 million attributed to recycling equipment manufacturing and \$995,000 attributed to recycled commodity processing.

To create more jobs

- There are 123 jobs in Iowa for every ton of material that is recycled.
- For every 100 jobs created in the recycling processing industry, 72 additional jobs are sustained in the Iowa economy.
- 1,636 direct processing jobs, 2,720 in total recycling-related jobs.

To improve the economy

- A 10% increase in recycling provides \$3 million of additional direct industrial output.
- For every dollar in total income created in the recycling processing industry, \$1.03 of additional income is sustained in the Iowa economy.



- Recycling equipment industry provides more than \$80 million in total industrial output and 725 total jobs.

2009 Council Bluffs Residential Recycling and Solid Waste Totals

Material	Tons
Total Paper Recycled	2,745.11
Cardboard	758.83
Newsprint	1,957.33
Phone Books	28.95
Total Plastic Recycled	232.84
Total Glass Recycled	339.19
Total Scrap Metal Recycled	578.54
Total Electronics Recycled	58.09
Total Yard Waste Recycled	9,859.41
Christmas Trees	4.09
Tree Debris	5,199.10
Yard Waste Curbside Collection	4,088.64
Yard Waste Recycling Center	567.58
Total HHW Recycled/Re-used	81.53
Total Construction Debris Recycled	392.06
Total Tires Recycled	<u>119.85</u>
TOTAL RESIDENTIAL MATERIAL RECYCLED/RE-USED	14,406.61
 TOTAL RESIDENTIAL WASTE LANDFILLED	 15,436.38
Total Construction Debris Landfilled	<u>3,958.54</u>
Total Solid Waste (recycled and landfilled)	33,801.53
PERCENT WASTE RECYCLED	42.62%
 Household Hazardous Waste	 101.91
Total Materials Through Recycling Center	14,296.90
Total Vehicles through Recycling Center	30,704
Average Pounds per Vehicle	931.27
Total Appliances De-manufactured	1,827

Household Hazardous Waste Regional Collection Center

What is Household Hazardous Waste?

Household Hazardous Waste or HHW is a product that is toxic, corrosive, flammable or reactive. Some examples are degreasers, drain cleaners, gasoline, herbicides and pesticides, paint stripper and spot and rust removers.

How can I tell if a product is hazardous?

Look for the words **DANGER**, **WARNING** or **CAUTION** on the product label. **DANGER** indicates the most hazardous materials.

WARNING and **CAUTION** are less hazardous. Other key phrases to look for are:

- Harmful or fatal if swallowed.
- Do not use near heat or flame.
- Causes severe burns on contact.

The HHW Center is open to the public

- Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- 2nd Saturday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Closed Tuesdays, Thursdays, Sundays and all City-observed holidays.

There are a few things to keep in mind when bringing materials to the Regional Collection Center:

- Be prepared to show identification and complete a simple questionnaire concerning the products you have brought.
- Please leave items in their original containers so our staff can determine the proper hazard classification.
- Unlabeled items will be accepted; however, to aid in the identification of the product, an additional questionnaire must be completed.
- If the product can be used again – provided it is not a banned chemical – please use it or give it to someone who can use it.
- Make a habit of buying the amount you can realistically use. Concentrated products and refillable containers create the least waste.
- Hazardous chemicals should never be poured down the drain or placed in the regular garbage. Follow the disposal instructions on the label.

Automotive Products



Most liquid automotive products are hazardous and should never be placed in the garbage or poured down drains or on the ground. These products include antifreeze, oil, fuels, degreasers, waxes, cleaners, brake fluid and windshield washer fluid. Other automotive products are lead-acid batteries and oil filters.

Do not mix gas, antifreeze or oil with each other or any other products as this may make them non-recyclable. The oil you bring to the RCC is used in oil burners to heat various buildings at the Recycling Center. *(For automotive batteries, see below.)*

Batteries

Batteries such as flashlight and other alkaline batteries are safe to dispose of in the regular garbage. Rechargeable batteries, such as Ni-Cad, Ni-Mh, Li-Ion, automotive batteries and Lithium batteries should not be disposed of in the regular garbage and should be brought to the RCC for disposal. *If it's rechargeable, it's recyclable!*

Cleaning Products

The RCC accepts the following cleaning products:

- Drain Cleaner
- Floor Polish
- Furniture Polish
- Oven Cleaner
- Rug and Upholstery Cleaner
- Rust Remover
- Spot Remover
- Other General Household Cleaners

Cooking Oil

Cooking oils such as vegetable oil, peanut oil, etc. can now be brought to the RCC for recycling. These products are not hazardous but can be recycled.

Fluorescent Light Bulbs

Fluorescent light tubes and compact fluorescent light bulbs contain mercury which is very harmful to both you and the environment. Fluorescent bulbs of all types should be handled very carefully so they do not break and release mercury vapor into the air.

Bulbs with the green ends are more environmentally-friendly and contain smaller amounts of mercury. Please bring all fluorescent light bulbs to the RCC for proper disposal.



Household Pesticides

The best way to dispose of a small amount of these products is to use it. **DO NOT** use banned pesticides; instead, bring them to the RCC for proper disposal. Some examples of banned pesticides are:

- Aldrin
- Chlordane
- DDT
- Dieldrin
- Dursban
- Silvex
- 2,4,5-T



Mercury

Mercury and mercury-containing devices or equipment, such as thermostats and thermometers, are accepted from residents for disposal.

Propane Cylinders

Propane cylinders up to 20 pounds are accepted at the RCC from residential sources. Cylinders larger than 20 pounds are accepted on a case-by-case basis.

Paint and Related Material



There are two types of paints, stains and varnishes—latex and oil-based or alkyds. Latex paints will indicate the product can be cleaned with soap and water. Small amounts of latex paint, as well as frozen latex, can be safely disposed of with your regular garbage if it is dried out first.

Oil-based paints contain hazardous materials such as lead, mercury and cadmium, and the containers usually say that they are **“COMBUSTIBLE!”** If oil-based paint cannot be used or given away, bring it to the RCC for proper disposal. Oil-based paints should be cleaned with mineral spirits or paint thinner. These cleaning products, as well as paint strippers, can also be brought to the RCC for proper disposal.

Swap Shop Program

Various items can be acquired from the Swap Shop. Items that are safe and in good condition, such as household cleaners, car care supplies and latex paints, are available to residents at no charge. Due to the hazardous nature of the chemicals being accepted, the shop hours are the same as the regular RCC collection hours. This is for the safety of our employees and visitors.

F.A.Q.'s about the Regional Collection Center

How should I handle and store waste automotive products?

- Please bring oil and oil filters to the RCC in disposable containers such as milk jugs or 5-gallon buckets with tight lids.
- Store flammable materials in approved containers, away from ignition sources and in a well-ventilated area.
- If you must dispose of fuels, bring them to the RCC.
- Containers may not be returned.

What is the safest way to store pesticides until they can be disposed?

- Always store pesticides in their original containers, complete with labels, that list ingredients and directions for use and antidotes.
- Never transfer pesticides to other containers.
- Store in dry, protected areas. Concrete surfaces cause metal containers to corrode.

How do I store paint properly?

- Protect it from freezing!
- Keep it in a dry place, and put the lid on tightly to keep air out.
- Put a piece of plastic wrap between the paint and the lid.
- Store the can upside down to create a good seal.

How do I dry out my latex paint?

- Add kitty litter or sawdust to the paint can and mix.
- Place in a well-ventilated area until the mixture is completely dry.
- After it is dry, set it out with your regular garbage. Be sure to remove the lid so that the waste hauler can see the dry can.

Materials Not Accepted at the RCC

There are a few materials that the RCC will not accept.

- Ammunition (Call the Council Bluffs Police Department at 328-5737 for proper disposal.)
- Asbestos Materials (shingles, house siding, pipe insulation, etc. containing asbestos)
- Explosives
- Prescription Medications
- Radioactive Materials
- Non-hazardous Wastes (cosmetics)
- For materials not accepted, please call the RCC to find a safe disposal method.

What exactly is a Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator?

A Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG) is any business that generates small amounts of hazardous wastes. The limit is 220 pounds or less per month – or about 25 gallons.



How do I determine if my business qualifies as a CESQG?

To determine which category of hazardous waste you fall into and what requirements you need to meet, measure or “count” all the hazardous waste you generate each month. This total weight must be less than 220 pounds. If you are confused about the rules and regulations, please call the RCC. The staff members will be glad to assist you.

OK, now that I have identified my business as a CESQG, what rules do I need to follow?

- Identify all hazardous waste you generate.
- Send this waste to a designated hazardous waste or recycling facility.
- Never accumulate more than 2,200 pounds of hazardous waste at any time on your property.

How does my business register for the CESQG Program at the RCC?

1. If you think your business may qualify as a CESQG, call 366-9812 to request a registration packet.
2. Complete and return the certification form for review.
3. Complete and return the hazardous waste inventory.

When your registration has been reviewed and accepted, an RCC technician will contact you, and an appointment will be scheduled to drop off hazardous waste.

There is a fee for CEQSG disposal service. Once the RCC receives the hazardous waste inventory, an exact price quotation will be furnished. Disposal fees are based on the types and quantities of material brought in, and the full disposal fee must be paid when the waste is accepted at the RCC. Personal and business checks are accepted as well as cash and credit cards.

Things to Remember When Hiring a Commercial Refuse Hauler

- **Be Sure The Company Is Licensed**

This year all licensed commercial haulers in Council Bluffs will have a **gold 2010 licensed commercial hauler sticker** on the front left side of the truck. If there are any questions, call the Recycling Center to be certain. A licensed hauler will not dump your waste illegally leaving you with an expensive clean-up bill and fine.

- **Keep A Record Of The Transaction**

This includes the name and phone number of the hauler and any receipts. If your items are found at an illegal dumpsite, you will have proof that you hired someone to properly dispose of your waste to avoid the \$800 citation.

- **Be Sure That No Hazardous Items Get Mixed With Landfill Items**

Do not place Household Hazardous Waste in your garbage or with items to be hauled to the landfill by a commercial refuse hauler. All Household Hazardous Waste must be disposed of properly at the Council Bluffs Regional Collection Center. There are no disposal charges for Council Bluffs or Pottawattamie County residents. Please call the Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 366-9812 for more information.



Support the Council Bluffs Recycling Center Programs and Save Money

1. Purchase picnic tables and benches made from recycled materials at the Recycling Center.

Colors: Brown, Green, Gray (All bases are black.)

Length	Weight	Unassembled Price	Assembled Price
Benches			
4'	85 lbs	\$130.00	\$150.00
6'	125 lbs	\$185.00	\$205.00
8'	170 lbs	\$240.00	\$260.00
Tables			
4'	280 lbs	\$320.00	\$350.00
6'	420 lbs	\$450.00	N/A
8'	470 lbs	\$500.00	N/A

Prices are subject to change.

2. Purchase mulch from the Recycling Center.
 - Fine, ground landscape mulch is available for \$30.00 per ton (about \$20.00 for a pick-up truck load).
 - Mulch can be delivered for an additional \$50.00 per dump truck load.
3. Purchase mulch from a local retailer that sells our landscape mulch.
 - Maple 85 Distribution Center, 8415 Maple St., Omaha or visit www.maple85.com



Poly-Carts

The Poly-cart is a City-approved 95-gallon, wide-mouth cart with durable wheels that makes the cart easy to handle. The dimensions of the cart are 46"H x 29"W x 34"D, and it has a ten-year, pro-rated warranty against defects. The Poly-cart can be used for yard waste or regular garbage in separate carts for residents on City waste services only.



- If the cart will be used for regular garbage, **all garbage must be bagged.**
- If the cart will be used for yard waste, please affix an orange "Y" sticker to the cart. The stickers can be obtained at the Recycling Center, Health Department, City Clerk's Office or Sanitation Billing.
- Carts can be ordered for delivery at the Council Bluffs Public Health Department at 328-4666.
- Carts are \$60.00 each if you pick them up at the Recycling Center or \$70.00 each if you choose to have them delivered to your residence.
- All carts must be paid for prior to delivery.

Carts can be purchased in a number of ways:

- 1) Sign up at the Health Department, and pay \$70.00 at the Treasurer's Office. Deliveries are usually made on the following Friday.
- 2) Send a note explaining that you would like a Poly-cart delivered and a \$70.00 check made out to the Treasurer's Office. The check should be sent to 209 Pearl Street, and the Poly-Cart will be delivered the following Friday after payment is received.
- 3) Ask about the carts at the Recycling Center; pay \$60.00, and take one home with you.

Extra Recycling Bins

Extra recycling bins and lids may be purchased at the Recycling Center for residents on City waste services only.

- Bins are \$6.00 each; lids are \$3.25 each.
- Additional bins and lids must be picked up at the Recycling Center.

Prices are subject to change.



Animals – Health and Waste



The City of Council Bluffs does not dispose of animal waste that has been slaughtered or killed for human consumption. Deer remains must be taken directly to the landfill.

- For landfill information, call 1-800-794-1323.
- To dispose of stable matter (i.e. dog and cat manure) in your garbage can, please double-bag it.
- Your garbage will not be collected and will be tagged if it contains loose stable matter.

Reminder To Pet Owners

All dogs and cats over the age of 6 months of age must be licensed.

- Licenses may be purchased by taking the pet's current rabies vaccination records to the Treasurer's Office (209 Pearl St.) or the Animal Shelter (2821 S. 15th St.).
- License applications are also available on the internet at www.health.councilbluffs-ia.gov. Click on "Downloadable Forms" under "Animal Control Division."
- If you have questions, call 328-4656 for assistance.

Dog licenses:	\$10.00 (spayed/neutered)	\$25.00 (intact)
Cat licenses:	\$7.00 (spayed/neutered)	\$18.00 (intact)

- A late penalty of \$15.00 is assessed to each dog licensed on/after February 15.
- A late penalty of \$15.00 is assessed to each cat licensed on/after March 15.
- Microchips are also sold at the Animal Shelter for \$25.00.

Animal Shelter Hours

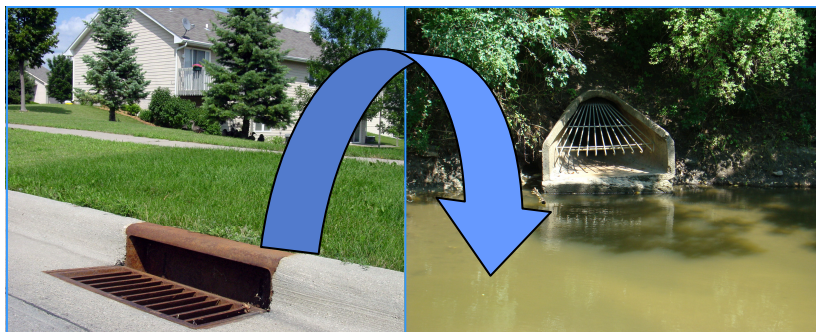
Monday – Friday	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	Noon – 4 p.m.
Closed Sundays and City-observed holidays	

Clean Cars... Clean Streams

- ◆ Washing cars at home can generate more than 100 gallons of soapy runoff that is full of pollutants.



- ◆ Runoff entering a storm sewer does not flow to a wastewater treatment plant.
- ◆ The soap, gasoline, oil and heavy metals on your car are washed directly into the stream or lake nearest your neighborhood!



Washing Your Car

**Protect the Environment
Use Green Alternatives!**



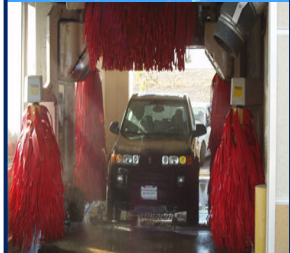
Try a pressure-washer instead of a garden hose, reducing the amount of water.



Wash cars on a permeable surface like gravel or grass, so less runoff goes into the storm drains, streams and lakes.

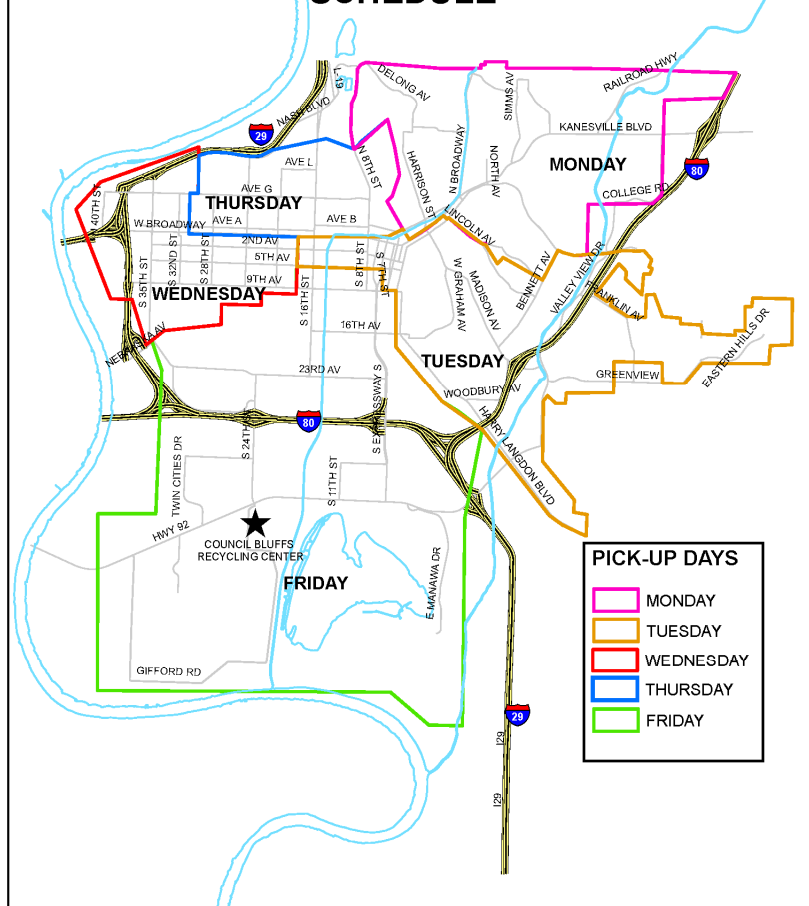


Use a phosphorous-free detergent (phosphorous can cause excess algae blooms in lakes and streams).



Go to a Commercial Car Wash—they are required by law to send their wash water to a wastewater treatment plant.

COUNCIL BLUFFS RECYCLING AND TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE



Council Bluffs Recycling Center Directions

The Recycling Center is located one-half mile south of I-80/29. It is one-half block south of the intersection of Highway 92/275 and South 24th Street in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

April 2010 - March 2011 Curbside Recycling Collection Schedule

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